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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of February 23, 2010 through February 28, 2010.

TUESDAY

02/23/2010

(1) DUTY STEWARD

James Dreyer will attend to routine morning situations and record the minutes for this reporting period.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The second race in the book for Friday, maiden three and four year olds for a claiming price of \$10,000 was used open after failing to attract a sufficient number of Cal-Breds.

(3) THE DRAW

Three Thoroughbred and five Quarter Horse races will make up Friday evening's eight race program.

WEDNESDAY

02/24/2010

(1) SCRATCHES

One equipment change and two scratches completed Friday evening's program changes.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

Saturday's second race, Cal-Bred maidens three and four year olds for \$6,250, was called off with three entries.

(3) THE DRAW

Highlighted by the Los Alamitos Maiden Stakes, fans Saturday evening will be treated to a card comprised entirely of Quarter Horse races.

THURSDAY

02/25/2010

(1) SCRATCHES

One rider substitution completed Saturday evening's program changes.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The second race in the book for Sunday, maidens three and four years old for \$12,500, was called off after failing to attract a single entry.

(3) THE DRAW

Eight races were drawn for Sunday evening, including four Thoroughbred and four Quarter Horse races.

FRIDAY

02/26/2010

(1) SCRATCHES

Two horses on the also-eligibles were scratched and two rider changes completed Sunday's program changes.

(2) FILMS

Paul Jones was in to review a film from Friday evening. His owner felt that the rider on the horse to his inside had hit his horse with his whip. After watching the replay, Paul and the Stewards agreed that the incident appeared to be a case of Suarez losing control of his whip when he attempted to twirl it.

(3) PROBLEM FREE

Friday evening's program was conducted with nothing of significance to report.

(4) LATE DECLARATIONS

4th Race - # 8 Regal Fun (Tr. J. Hanson) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$519.00.

5th Race - # 6 Ding Dong Derek (Tr. V. Farris) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$851.00.

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	950	On Track Handle:	\$153,442.40
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,617</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$370,039.60
Total:	3,567	Out of State:	<u>\$794,106.65</u>
		Total:	\$1,317,588.65

SATURDAY

02/27/2010

(1) SANCHEZ RULING

RULING #22

JOCKEY RAMON SANCHEZ IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY AGREEMENT) ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2010.

The foregoing ruling was issued after meeting with jockey Sanchez to discuss his failure to fulfill his riding engagement in the third race last evening. His attempt at an explanation was far less than acceptable.

(2) SANCHEZ RULING

RULING #23

JOCKEY RAMON SANCHEZ IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1680 (JOCKEYS AND DRIVERS TO REPORT) ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2010.

The above ruling was issued after jockey Sanchez failed to request permission to be late and arrived thirty minutes prior to the first race.

(3) FIFTH RACE – INQUIRY

The Inquiry was posted following the fifth race to examine the start. "Fire Flying" (6th – Gomez) in post #4 was standing with his head turned toward the five stall for several seconds prior to the start

of the race, losing any chance at a fair start. After speaking with the starter who had already spoken to the assistant starter, the Stewards all felt the fairest thing for all concerned was to declare the horse a non-starter. All monies wagered on "Fire Flying" were refunded.

(4) LATE DECLARATIONS

1st Race - # 7 Priceless Babe (Tr. M. Rodriguez) colic, Dr. Beck.
Refund: \$2,477.00.

2nd Race - # 2 She Charms (Tr. J. Nunez) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$976.00.

5th Race - # 4 Fire Flying (Tr. S. Willoughby) head was turned at start, Stewards.
Refund: \$11,590.00.

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	967	On Track Handle:	\$145,763.40
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,937</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$362,457.70
Total:	3,904	Out of State:	<u>\$582,704.45</u>
		Total:	\$1,090,925.55

SUNDAY

02/28/2010 (1) FILMS

Eulices Gomez and Zacharie Kelsey were in to review the eighth race last evening during which they used the horse sandwiched between them as a ping-pong ball. The Stewards felt the incident didn't rise up to the level that required any action on their part, but both riders admitted they were a little negligent.

(2) STARTER AND ASSISTANT STARTER VISIT (REFER 02/27/10 (3))

Starter John Baker and Assistant Starter Joe Garcia were in to discuss last night's incident in the fifth race. There were considerable distractions in the gate involving several horses. #2 "Jess Jet" broke through the gate while #5 "Little Stormer" was trying to climb over the doors. While these distractions were going on, assistant Garcia had his horse's head cocked. When things appeared to settle down, starter Baker said he hollered to get ready; Garcia did not react and Baker kicked the gate, leaving "Fire Flying" standing there with his head turned. Garcia said the blame falls solely on his shoulders. Decision to follow.

(3) GATE MALFUNCTION

The first race was delayed 22 minutes when the starting gate used to start the 4½ furlong races failed. Starter Baker explained that both solenoids failed to function. The gate normally used for the Quarter Horse races was utilized the remainder of the evening.

(4) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	739	On Track Handle:	\$139,013.00
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,215</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$326,103.00
Total:	2,954	Out of State:	<u>\$823,579.00</u>
		Total:	\$1,288,695.00

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
2/26/2010	4	8	Regal Fun	J. Hanson	Injured	Hackathorn	\$519
	5	6	Ding Dong Derek	V. Farris	Injured	Hackathorn	\$851
2/27/2010	1	7	Priceless Babe	M. Rodriguez	Colic	Beck	\$2,477
	2	2	She Charms	J. Nunez	Sick	Hackathorn	\$976

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on February 28, 2010.

No equine deaths were reported this week due to racing injuries.

During this reporting period seven horses were added to the Veterinarian's

List as follows: three for soundness, two for injury and two for sickness.

Sixteen horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list.

This report was submitted by Steward James Dreyer.

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD SUMMARY

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 02/26	SAT 02/27	SUN 02/28	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D			-	0	0	0	0	5
CAL-BRED RACES		A		-	0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS			R	-	4	7	6	17	131
DISQUALIFICATIONS		K		-	0	0	0	0	6
INQUIRIES	D			-	0	1	0	1	21
REFUNDS		A		-	2	3	0	5	91
RULINGS			Y	-	0	2	0	2	23

Stewards' Attendance: James Dreyer, Albert Christiansen, and Randy Winick were in daily attendance during this reporting period.

James Dreyer (Steward)

Albert Christiansen (Steward)

Randy Winick (Steward)